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Media Statement From California High-Speed Rail Authority: Tentative Ruling in Bay Area to Central Valley Case Says Planning Work Can Continue

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Sacramento, CA., October 8, 2009 -- In a [tentative ruling](#) today, Sacramento Superior Court Judge Michael P. Kenney indicated that the California High-Speed Rail Authority can continue its work on environmental impact studies within the corridor connecting the Central Valley to the Bay Area while a lawsuit challenging the Authority's alignment in this corridor proceeds.

"We're happy to see that the tentative ruling supports our position that granting a stay on the project is unnecessary since the project is in the planning stage and could cost the state funding and jobs," said Jeff Barker, the Authority's Deputy Director.

"We don't believe that anyone is interested in jeopardizing billions of dollars in economic stimulus for California, delaying the creation of tens of thousands of jobs, and forcing taxpayers to shoulder higher costs to build the system," said Barker.

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